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SUBJECT: JORDAN CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND PEACE PROCESS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY PARA. 5 REFTTEL, CROWN PRINCE ONLY
STATED TO US THAT KING HUSSEIN HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO RE-
CEIVE A BRIEFING ON LONDON TALKS WHILE IN THE U. S. CROWN
PRINCE ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO SEE VANCE OR
RPT OR BRZEZINSKI; IF THAT NOT POSSIBLE, TO RECEIVE A BRIEF-
ING FROM ATHERTON OR SAUNDERS. CROWN PRINCE WAS ALSO VERY

RELAXED ON TIMEFRAME OF BRIEFING WHEN HE TALKED TO ME.

2. MY OWN GUESS IS THAT KING HUSSEIN, AT CROWN PRINCE'S REQUEST, GAVE CROWN PRINCE (POSSIBLY EVEN RELUCTANTLY) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR U. S. BRIEFING ON LONDON TALKS. ALSO, KING I BELIEVE DID SO BEFORE HE KNEW ABOUT ATHERTON VISIT HERE TO BRIEF KING ON LONDON TALKS DIRECTLY.

3. CROWN PRINCE VISITS TO U. S. ON POLITICAL MATTERS ARE PROBABLY ALWAYS TREATED WITH SOME RESERVE BY KING, ALTHOUGH HE PROBABLY ACCEDES RELUCTANTLY TO CROWN PRINCE'S ARM-TWISTING. WE SHOULD ALSO ADD THAT MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE IN KING'S MIND IS TO ACHIEVE HIS OWN VISIT TO THE U. S. IN COMING PERIOD AND ANYTHING DETRACTING FROM THAT POSSIBILITY HE WOULD FROWN UPON.

4. NEVERTHELESS, I THINK WE SHOULD PERMIT CROWN PRINCE TO SEE SOMEONE IN WASHINGTON AND ASSUME THAT HE DOES HAVE AUTHORIZATION FROM KING HUSSEIN TO DO SO. MY OWN PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF ATHERTON JULY 24 - 26 VISIT HERE AND POSSIBLY ATHERTON'S RETURN TO THE U. S. AND THEN HAVE CROWN PRINCE COME TO WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE TO THE AREA. I BELIEVE THIS WOULD PERMIT ATHERTON MISSION TO BE COMPLETED AND ALLOW KING HUSSEIN TO CAP CROWN PRINCE VISIT BY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH SECRETARY ON HIS AUGUST VISIT HERE. AT SAME TIME, CALL IN
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WASHINGTON IN THIS PERIOD WOULD SATISFY CROWN PRINCE BY GIVING HIM A ROLE IN INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN ATHERTON AND SECRETARY'S VISITS; HE COULD THEN REASSURE KING HUSSEIN REGARDING THE BRZEZINSKI/BIN SHAKER TALKS MENTIONED IN PARA. 3 REFTEL, (ALTHOUGH SHARAF TOLD ME A FEW DAYS AGO THAT HE THOUGHT TOO MUCH HAD BEEN MADE OF BRZEZINSKI/BIN SHAKER DISCUSSIONS IN TERMS OF INDICATING A TOUGH U. S. LI LINE.)
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